(c) how many such memorials have been received and from whom;

(d) may the House know the policy which the Darbar proposes to adopt in this behalf?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 468 of the Legislative Session of 1101.

(b), (c) and (d). Government regret that these questions cannot be answered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I am referred to answer to question No. 468, and there it is said that the information cannot be divulged, as it is contained in a confidential paper. May I know whether there are other appointments the papers regarding which are confidential?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I think it is not a supplementary question.

President.—That question does not arise.

150. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the date on which the present Diwan was appointed as Diwan;

(b) what is his present age;

(c) when is the period of his Diwanship to expire;

(d) when did he attain his 55th year?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) In Medam 1100.

(b) Fifty-nine.

(c) Vide answer to question No. 468 of the Legislative Session of 1101.

(d) In 1100.

Sanskrit Patasalas in the State.

151. **Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform this Council:—

(a) the total number of Sanskrit Patasalas in the State;

(b) the strength of each such Patasala;

(c) the qualifications required for appointment as teachers in such Patasalas;

(d) whether in any of such Patasalas fees are levied for tuition;

(e) what the grant allowed by Government to each of such Patasala is;

(f) on what principle the grants allowed to such Patasalas are based;

(g) whether the policy adopted with regard to the giving of grants to other schools in the State is followed with reference to Sanskrit Patasalas also;

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(h) if the answer to question (g) is in the negative, the reasons for such differential treatment;

(i) whether the Government have considered the question of giving more encouragement to Sanskrit Patasalas in the State ;

(j) if the answer to (i) is in the affirmative, what the decision of the Government is?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Seven.

(a) 1. Kerala Varma Sanskrit School, Chowwara.
2. Pushpagiri Vedic School, Trichur.
3. Sanskrit School, Peruvanom.
4. Vedasastra Patasala, Chittur.
5. Lakshminilayam Sanskrit School, Nemmara.
6. Sanskrit School, Irinjalakkuda.
7. Sree Narayana Vilasam Sanskrit School, Eroor.

(b) (1) 66; (2) 13; (3) 74; (4) 52; (5) 61; (6) 38; (7) 99.

(c) These are special schools and *the Education Code* prescribes no qualification for the teachers. Those, who have passed the Pandits' Examination and those holding proficiency certificates and Sastry Test certificates, are appointed as teachers.

(d) No fees are levied.

(e) (1) Rs. 40; (2) Rs. 10; (3) Rs. 30; (4) Rs. 50; (5) Rs. 50. The last two schools have not been taken on the aided list yet.

(f) There are several points to be considered in fixing grant, *viz*,,

1. Condition of the locality where the school is situated.

2. Accommodation and equipment provided by the management.

3. Strength of the school. No definite rules have been laid down for the payment of grant as in the case of ordinary schools. The progress of these institutions has to be watched before they are brought under the ordinary grant-in-aid rules, and hence fixed monthly grants, in consideration of the points stated above, are being paid now.

(g) and (h) In view of the reply to (f) above no answer is necessary.

(i) When the schools develop, their grant is increased.

(j) In view of the answer to (i) above, no reply is necessary.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—May I know when these two Sanskrit schools, at Irinjalakkuda and Eroor, were started?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—As far as I know they were started less than a year ago.

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—That is all?

Then with reference to (f). Now in answer to (b) (1) the strength is 66 and the grant is Rs. 40; with regard to (2) the strength is 13 and the grant is Rs. 10; with regard to (3) the strength is 74 and the grant is Rs. 30; and with regard to (4) the strength is 52 and the grant is Rs. 50. May I know the difference in giving grant; so far as strength is concerned, the grant for 66 is Rs. 40, for 74 it is Rs. 30, then again for 52 the grant is Rs. 50, and for 61 the grant is Rs. 50. Does the payment of this grant compare in proportion to the strength of the school?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Strength is one of the factors to be taken into consideration in fixing the grant.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—In giving grant do you take into consideration the cost that the management has to incur by way of pay to the teachers, the rent, etc.?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—All that is apprehended in (2). Accommodation and equipment are provided by the management.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—So that also is taken into consideration?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Oh, yes.

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